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The reply filed on 7/23/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The pending claims set filed on 7/23/2004 are not reflective of the amendment to the claims filed 9/29/2003. In particular, currently amended claim 18 does not reflect amendments made in an amendment filed 9/29/2003 (see Exhibit A). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher H Yaen whose telephone number is 571-272-0838. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5.

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Exhibit A

From the amendment filed 9/29/2003

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17, further comprising at least one periodic interval thereafter ~~contacting~~ administering to the host with additional a sufficient amount of additional PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof to boost the immune response.

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18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for generating a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in a host, comprising. administering to the host a sufficient amount of PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof, and an effective amount of a cytokine or co-stimulatory molecule and, further comprising at least one periodic interval thereafter contacting the host with additional PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof to boost the immune response.